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- 1 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 18, 2015
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- 4 MR. MC CULLOUGH: Good morning. And welcome to
- 5 the California Energy Commission and our workshop on the
- 6 Verification Results of Historic Carryover Analysis. And
- 7 thank you all for coming today.
- 8 I am Brian McCullough. And joining me in the
- 9 room is Angela Gould, our RPS Verification and Compliance
- 10 Technical Lead, and Theresa Daniels, who is our
- 11 Verification Specialist.
- 12 We will be taking questions at the end. I'll
- 13 start with doing some housekeeping and then do an overview
- 14 of the verification process. And then we will go through
- 15 an overview of the historic carryover claims. We will
- 16 take public comments.
- 17 Those attending in person, please fill out a blue
- 18 card. And Emily Chisum will be -- she has them in the
- 19 back. And we'll be collecting those. And following the
- 20 public comments from those who attended in person, we will
- 21 be taking comments from those attendees via WebEx, and
- 22 then, finally, any phone callers. And then we expect to
- 23 adjourn.
- 24 First our housekeeping notes. There are
- 25 restrooms located just outside to the right on the first

- 1 floor. There's a snack bar located on the second floor.
- 2 In the event of an emergency or fire alarm,
- 3 please follow staff. We will exit out the doors right
- 4 behind us and proceed diagonally across the street to
- 5 Roosevelt Park.
- 6 There are handouts available. And they should be
- 7 by the entrance. And, as I mentioned, there'll be a
- 8 comment period at the end of the presentation.
- 9 So, the RPS was originally signed into law with
- 10 Senate Bill 1078 and -- in 2002, and began with 20 percent
- 11 of retail sales by renewable energy by 2017. That was
- 12 accelerated in 2006 to 20 percent by 2010.
- 13 And then the publicly-owned utilities had to set
- 14 their own RPS goals, recognizing the intent of the
- 15 legislation, to attain a target of 20 percent of retail
- 16 sales by -- from retail sales of electricity from
- 17 renewable electricity by 2010. This allowed
- 18 publicly-owned utilities to have flexibility. And, as a
- 19 result, a variety of compliance measures were taken.
- 20 And then in April of 2011, Governor Brown signed
- 21 Senate Bill 1X-2 (sic) into law that established a target
- 22 of 33 percent by the end of 2020 for all utilities, and
- 23 included requirements that the Energy Commission implement
- 24 some regulations governing the compliance oversight of the
- 25 publicly-owned utilities by the Energy Commission.

- 1 In those regulations were included a section
- 2 regarding historic carryover. Historic carryover is
- 3 calculated based on eligible resources. RPS targets
- 4 consistent with those for the retail sellers for the
- 5 period of 2004 through 2010.
- And those resources -- the eligibility of those
- 7 resources is in alignment with the rules in place for the
- 8 retail sellers during that period.
- 9 Procurement generated before January 1st, 2011
- 10 that exceeds the POU's target that wasn't sold or
- 11 otherwise claimed can be applied to RPS procurement
- 12 requirements for future compliance. And this historic
- 13 carryover will be calculated beginning on January 1st,
- 14 2004, or the first year in which the POU was in operation.
- 15 The rules in place with the retail sellers and
- 16 our RPS guidelines are established in our RPS Guidebooks.
- 17 These RPS Eligibility Guidebooks describe the requirements
- 18 for certifying renewable electricity resources and also
- 19 include reporting requirements and accounting -- and the
- 20 accounting system to keep track of that electrical
- 21 generation.
- These RPS Guidebooks are the implementation of
- 23 the statutes that govern the RPS program. And although
- 24 legislation has been passed several times, those laws do
- 25 not begin to affect the RPS program until they are

- 1 implemented through our Guidebooks, as the -- as they have
- 2 the function of the regulation.
- 3 One component that is required was proof of
- 4 electricity delivery. This proof changed as the renewable
- 5 program progressed. Initial RPS decision documents
- 6 allowed the eligibility of facilities located outside of
- 7 California if electricity delivery into the California
- 8 utility was included in the contract.
- 9 RPS Eligibility Guidebooks in 2004 through
- 10 February of 2007 required that the generating facility be
- 11 listed as the source of the electricity on the -- from
- 12 March of 2007 on, firming and shaping was allowed. And,
- 13 so, the e-Tags no longer had to list the RPS eligible
- 14 facility as the source, but enough e-Tags had to be
- 15 supplied from within that calendar year to match the claim
- 16 to show that sufficient imports and electricity were
- 17 brought into the state to justify that.
- 18 Initially the renewable portfolio system used the
- 19 Interim Tracking System. This utilized self-reported data
- 20 at the stations. There were challenges with the ITS as
- 21 sometimes it was difficult in identifying the facilities,
- 22 variable names, different generating units, and how the
- 23 data was reported were not necessarily consistent.
- And as time went on we were able to develop and
- 25 begin utilizing the WREGIS system. And, so, as a result

- 1 during the historic carryover period we utilized data both
- 2 that was reported to us through the ITS and also through
- 3 WREGIS.
- And after concluding that overview, I'm going to
- 5 introduce Theresa Daniels, who will be describing the
- 6 process we used for historic carryover verification.
- 7 MS. DANIELS: Hi, everyone. I am Theresa
- 8 Daniels. And thank you all for joining us today.
- 9 So, in the verification of historic carryover
- 10 claims, RPS staff used a process that was a consistent
- 11 verification process for verifying the retail sellers for
- 12 2001 through 2010 RPS claims.
- 13 The includes verifying that each claim is from an
- 14 RPS-certified facility, using data from the Power Source
- 15 Disclosure Program, other states, such as Oregon and
- 16 Nevada, and using a voluntary program to determine the
- 17 claims are not being double counted.
- 18 Our analysis with Green-e is still ongoing. And
- 19 if any issues are found, the verification results will be
- 20 updated.
- 21 Staff used data reported by the facilities to
- 22 determine that multi-fuel facilities did not exceed the
- 23 de minimis amount of 2 percent. If a facility did exceed
- 24 the de minimus, anything over the percentage of energy
- 25 produced from the renewable resource was found to be

- 1 ineligible.
- 2 Staff verified the energy claims of out-of-state
- 3 facilities met the energy delivery requirements of that
- 4 time period.
- 5 The annual retail sales amounts reported by the
- 6 POU's were compared with EIA retail sales data.
- 7 Staff worked closely with the POU's in the
- 8 verification process. The POU's are contacted about
- 9 issues with their claims and they are able to submit
- 10 supplementary documentation to support their claim. This
- 11 includes invoices, meter data, contract information,
- 12 POU's use date from RPS-certified facilities to show
- 13 energy delivery.
- During the verification process -- during the
- 15 verification process POU's sometimes make adjustment to
- 16 their claims. This is done by resubmitting the
- 17 CEC-RPS-Track forms to add or remove claims. Or if the
- 18 claims are reported through WREGIS and are unable to be
- 19 removed from their report, request that it be counted as
- 20 withdrawn.
- Once each claim has been verified, the RPS
- 22 eligible claims are used to calculate each POU's historic
- 23 carryover. The historic carryover is calculated using the
- 24 baseline amount and the annual procurement target.
- 25 Historic carryover is the sum of the quantity of

- 1 RPS-eligible energy exceeding the APT for each year from
- 2 2004 through 2010,
- 4 Verification Results Summary Table and Historic Carryover
- 5 Calculation Table. These tables can be found on the
- 6 Energy Commission website at the link on this slide.
- 7 This is Alameda Municipal Power's Historic
- 8 Carryover Verification Results Table. Alameda Municipal
- 9 Power has no ineligible claims or outstanding issues.
- 10 This is the table used to calculate any POU's
- 11 historic carryover, which is shown in the surplus for 2004
- 12 through 2010 in the box at the bottom. This is Alameda
- 13 Municipal Power's calculated historic theory carryover.
- 14 This is Azusa Light and Water Historic Carryover
- 15 Verification Results Table. Azusa Light and Water has no
- 16 ineligible claims or outstanding issues. This is Azusa
- 17 Light and Water's historic carryover.
- 18 The City of -- the City of Banning has no
- 19 ineligible claims or outstanding issues. This is the City
- 20 of Banning's claimed historic carryover.
- 21 The City of Lompoc has no ineligible claims or
- 22 outstanding issues. This is the City of Lompoc's
- 23 calculated historic carryover.
- 24 The City of Palo Alto has no ineligible claims or
- 25 outstanding issues. This is the City of Palo Alto's

- 1 calculated historic carryover.
- 2 Glendale Water and Power has withdrawn 2009 and
- 3 2010 claims. But there no ineligible claims or
- 4 outstanding issues. This is Glendale Water and Power's
- 5 calculated historic carryover.
- 6 Healdsburg Electric Department has no ineligible
- 7 claims or outstanding issues. This is Healdsburg Electric
- 8 Department's calculated historic carryover.
- 9 Lodi Electric Utility has no ineligible claims or
- 10 outstanding issues. This is Lodi Electric facility's
- 11 calculated historic carryover.
- 12 Modesto Irrigation District has withdrawn claims
- 13 in 2008 and 2010, but there are no in ineligible claims or
- 14 outstanding issues. This is Modesto Irrigation District's
- 15 calculated historic carryover.
- 16 Power and Water Resources Pooling Authority has
- 17 ineligible claims from facilities that are not
- 18 RPS-certified in 2009 and 2010. There are no outstanding
- 19 issues. This is the Power and Water Resources Pooling
- 20 Authority's calculated historic carryover.
- 21 Riverside Public Utilities has 2009 and 2010
- 22 withdrawn claims, but there are no ineligible claims or
- 23 outstanding issues. This is Riverside Public Utilities
- 24 calculated historic carryover.
- 25 Sacramento Municipal Utility District has

- 1 ineligible claims from facilities that were RPS-certified
- 2 up until their contracts with the facilities ended. The
- 3 2004 through 2009 claims from beyond the contracts ending
- 4 are listed as ineligible. There are also ineligible 2006
- 5 and 2007 claims due to energy delivery of the claims not
- 6 meeting the requirements of the time. There are No
- 7 outstanding issues. This is Sacramento Municipal Utility
- 8 District's calculated historic carryover.
- 9 Silicon Valley Power has no ineligible claims or
- 10 outstanding issues. This is Silicon Valley Power's
- 11 calculated historic carryover.
- 12 Turlock Irrigation District has no ineligible
- 13 claims or outstanding issues. This is Turlock Irrigation
- 14 District's calculated historic carryover.
- 15 Ukiah Electric Utility has ineligible claims for
- 16 facilities that are not RPS-certified in 2009 and 2010.
- 17 There is an outstanding issue with our checks in verifying
- 18 Ukiah Electric Utility's annual retail sales amounts. We
- 19 are working with Ukiah Electric on clearing up these
- 20 issues.
- 21 This is Ukiah Electric Utility's calculated
- 22 historic carryover. It will be considered pending until
- 23 the outstanding issues are resolved.
- So, that's the end of my presentation. And we
- 25 are now ready for public comment.

- 1 So, Emily has the filled cards or if anyone or
- 2 needs a blank one.
- 3 MS. GOULD: Okay. The first comment is from Tim
- 4 Tutt of SMUD.
- 5 MR. TUTT: Thank you. This is Tim Tutt, from the
- 6 Sacramento Municipal Utility District.
- 7 And I first want to say that we really
- 8 appreciated the dialogue that we had with CEC staff as we
- 9 went through the verification process to date for historic
- 10 carryover, starting with our claim way back, believe it or
- 11 not, in December of 2013 and through the recent vetting of
- 12 the draft tables and so on. It was very much appreciated
- 13 by SMUD the dialogue that we had.
- 14 As you know, we appreciate that in part because
- 15 we had a lot of historic carryover, a lot of contracts.
- 16 SMUD has been a leader in the global procurement from --
- 17 dating from the early 2000s, even though we were not
- 18 required to follow the exact RPS requirements that IOU's
- 19 were back in the day. We adopted our own RPS that was
- 20 equivalent to the IOU's RPS requirements and we had an
- 21 internal policy of following the CEC eligibility
- 22 requirements to the letter as we went through our
- 23 procurement structure every year.
- 24 We even had our own guidebook, which pretty much
- 25 mirrored the CEC guidebook. Of course, you guys made

- 1 changes more often than we did, I think.
- 2 As we went through the historic carryover process
- 3 at the beginning, we understood that you were setting up a
- 4 process that was intended to apply equally to everybody,
- 5 including following what the retail sellers had to do at
- 6 the time when they were procuring with the RPS.
- 7 We mentioned at that time that given that it was
- 8 ten years afterwards, after the actual procurement
- 9 happened and verification happened for the retail sellers,
- 10 that it may not be considered equal treatment to require
- 11 us to follow exact -- the exact same verification
- 12 processes as the retail sellers had to follow very soon
- 13 after their procurement.
- 14 We weren't vetted officially in terms of -- even
- 15 though we tried to follow procurement requirements, we
- 16 thought we were -- we weren't vetted officially right at
- 17 the time and didn't get the benefit -- I don't know if the
- 18 IOU's or the retail sellers would consider that immediate
- 19 verification a benefit -- but we didn't have the benefit
- 20 of getting that feedback at the time.
- 21 We're getting it now, ten years after the fact,
- 22 when much of the data that was relied on may not be
- 23 available, may not be easy to get. We've gone through the
- 24 process of getting as much of that verification as we can
- 25 and submitting it to you.

- 1 And it's all worked pretty well. We've worked
- 2 through a variety of issues. And we just have a couple of
- 3 remaining issues that are listed on your table.
- 4 The 2006 and 2007 disallowance because it didn't
- 5 meet the delivery requirements at the time, we don't agree
- 6 with at this point. This was from a contract that we had
- 7 started in December of 2006. It was disallowed in our
- 8 communications with you because it was not -- it was a
- 9 firm and shaping contract, which wasn't allowed until
- 10 March 2007.
- We contend this is not a firming and shaping
- 12 contract. This contract is a contract in which we procure
- 13 resources and they're delivered at the same time as
- 14 they're generated. They're not firmed. They're not
- 15 shaped. It's simultaneous delivery to California, which
- 16 was allowed, in our minds, by the March -- by the 2006
- 17 Guidebook in place at the time.
- 18 We're procuring from multiple resources from the
- 19 same owner, not a single resource. So, we do get a
- 20 variety of renewable generation from that owner, but we
- 21 are procuring local generation from specific facilities --
- 22 not from any fossil resources, not any firming or shaping
- 23 separate contracts from those facilities.
- And we have e-Tag documentation of that, which we
- 25 have submitted to you. Our e-Tag documentation

- 1 consistently includes either the name of the facilities in
- 2 the contract field or RPS ID numbers in the contract field
- 3 or the miscellaneous field. It consistently shows you
- 4 where that procurement comes from.
- 5 So, we don't think it's a firming and shaping
- 6 contract. We think it is similar to anybody buying
- 7 renewable under a direct simultaneous delivery contract
- 8 from out of state, out of California.
- 9 Even if it were thought of as a firming and
- 10 shaping contract, we contend that the rules that were
- 11 adopted in the March 2007 Guidebook should be applied
- 12 retroactively at least to January of 2007 -- January 1st,
- 13 2007, because that's when SB 107 was effective.
- 14 And in the Guidebooks that you adopted in March
- 15 of 2007, you adopted an overall Guidebook, as well as an
- 16 RPS Guidebook and others. And in that overall Guidebook
- 17 you said that -- there was the line that the provisions of
- 18 these Guidebooks that are adopted are effective starting
- 19 January 1st, 2007.
- 20 So, you have written determination adopted
- 21 simultaneously with the RPS Guidebook that it should be
- 22 effective on January 1st, 2007, at the very least.
- 23 And we contend, as I said earlier, that the
- 24 December generation is also eligible because it was
- 25 eligible under the 2006 Guidebook. It's not a firming and

- 1 shaping arrangement.
- 2 Going back to telling you when we filed our claim
- 3 that you have to take into account the time involved
- 4 between the procurement and the claim and the
- 5 verification.
- 6 And it's not necessarily equal treatment to
- 7 require exactly the same verification as you did for
- 8 retail sellers. Even with the retail sellers, there were
- 9 things that were inadvertently mistaken in the comment
- 10 field versus the miscellaneous field. You accepted all
- 11 those claims. You gave them some leeway.
- 12 We're just looking for some leeway here too.
- 13 SMUD has procured from 2001 on in good faith. And our
- 14 goal is to have all that procurement recognized -- our
- 15 early action recognized.
- 16 You seem to be fairly strict and tight on
- 17 applying the provisions of the Guidebooks even five, six,
- 18 ten years later, in all cases except for the 2001
- 19 baseline. And the 2001 baseline the FAQs on the website
- 20 for historic carryover says that,
- 21 "Any procurement from contracts
- 22 signed prior to the first Guidebook, that
- 23 the provisions of the first Guidebook would
- 24 apply."
- The first Guidebook requires deliverability.

- 1 We're not able to prove deliverability for one contract in
- 2 2001, and yet you've accepted that procurement.
- 3 It just seems like you're tight and very detailed
- 4 about our historic carryover claim when it's a claim that
- 5 would give us the procurement that we -- we, in good
- 6 faith, procured.
- 7 But in a case where by questioning or accepting
- 8 with a little bit more loosely our procurement, where that
- 9 procurement will increase our -- if you disallow it, it
- 10 will increase our historic carryover, you have taken a
- 11 looser approach.
- We would like a consistent approach that reflects
- 13 the fact that it's difficult to verify to the every -- you
- 14 know, "I" dotted and "T" crossed all through the period,
- 15 not an approach in which -- where it hurts us, you are
- 16 loose, and where it helps us, you are strict.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 MS GOULD: Thank you, Tim.
- 19 Actually, Brian, do you want to address that
- 20 point about the 2001 verification delivery?
- 21 MR. MC CULLOUGH: This is Brian McCullough and
- 22 thank you very much for raising this point.
- 23 And I think that in alignment with the FAQs for
- 24 historic carryover that are posted on the website, this is
- 25 something worthy of further discussion, and look forward

- 1 to doing that.
- 2 MS. GOULD: There was something that read that
- 3 for 2001 generation that it only required delivery in the
- 4 contract, and not e-Tag demonstration with the source. We
- 5 will look further into it, I suppose.
- 6 And I have not looked at the language in the
- 7 overall Guidebook that was in place at the time, it was
- 8 the second edition, but whatever was place in 2006 and
- 9 2007, so, I will have to look at that language and see
- 10 what it says about effective dates and how that applies to
- 11 the RPS Eligibility Guidebook.
- 12 But, in general, the Guidebook's adoption date
- 13 determines when the rule implementation begins, unless the
- 14 rule is retroactive.
- And that is regardless of when the law becomes
- 16 effective per statute. So, that is how the law has been
- 17 implemented since the beginning of the RPS for the retail
- 18 sellers.
- 19 And we wanted to implement a consistent rule for
- 20 the retail sellers and the POU's. And I do, you know,
- 21 understand the difficulty of trying to go back ten years
- 22 or more and find documentation for all of these things.
- But that's the situation we're in, unfortunately.
- 24 This is an opportunity for POU'S to get additional
- 25 generation and to get something for their early actions.

- 1 And we appreciate all of the early actions that
- 2 SMUD took and setting those high standards when you didn't
- 3 necessarily have to.
- 4 And this is a way for all those POU's who did
- 5 that to get rewarded for it. But we do want to be
- 6 consistent and to not allow -- not apply looser rules to
- 7 the POU's, 'cause this is generation that will be applied
- 8 to the 2011 and later procurements.
- 9 And we want to be sure that we're applying the
- 10 stricter standards.
- 11 There are other points that were covered that I
- 12 missed, but -- yeah, we will look at the overall guidebook
- 13 and see what that says.
- MR. TUTT: Thanks for the response.
- I was just pointing out in return that in the
- 16 overall Guidebook that was adopted in March of 2007, it
- 17 does contain, I think, the standard phrase or paragraph
- 18 that says that, in general, changes are effective when the
- 19 Guidebook is adopted, unless it's specifically made
- 20 retroactive in the Guidebook.
- 21 And we are just contending that that January 1st,
- 22 2007 date -- assuming you don't accept our earlier
- 23 argument that it is an all eligible procurement -- that
- 24 that January 1st, 2007 date is in the same Guidebook and
- 25 says that provisions that adopted shall apply back to that

- 1 date.
- 2 MS. GOULD: Yeah, we -- the delivery standards at
- 3 that time for retail sellers were very strict. I think to
- 4 the point that there was no out-of-state generation
- 5 accepted at that time from retail sellers because it was
- 6 so difficult to show.
- 7 And it did require in the Guidebook that -- that
- 8 the specific source, the actual individual generator, be
- 9 listed as the source on the e-Tag, which is one of the
- 10 reasons it was difficult at the time to get any
- 11 out-of-state delivery.
- 12 And I think we didn't have any until 2007, when
- 13 firming and shaping was allowed.
- 14 Thank you, Tim.
- Then Bill Westerfield, also from SMUD.
- MR. WESTERFIELD: Thank you, Angie.
- 17 I think Tim has really made most of the points
- 18 that I would have otherwise made.
- 19 I might again just stress on both of these same
- 20 issues that he raised. First of all, I would -- we would
- 21 at SMUD like our conversation here to be an open dialogue
- 22 where we talk back and forth about these issues. We have
- 23 had a very good experience thus far. We would like to
- 24 keep that.
- 25 We don't see this as a forum where we're trying

- 1 to you surprise you in any way. We want to give you our
- 2 points, why we think our points are appropriate. We'll do
- 3 get whatever we can so we can reach the right answer. And
- 4 that is all we've ever wanted to do is make appropriate
- 5 claims.
- I think consistency is a really important issue
- 7 for us. Tim made that point, but it does come up because
- 8 we feel like we need consistency in the verification
- 9 requirements.
- 10 We -- as we look at how you again apply the rules
- 11 to our 2001 procurement versus our 2006, it does feel like
- 12 you're applying the rules of verification inconsistently
- 13 to increase our baseline in 2001, but to reduce our
- 14 procurement in 2006 -- both of which serve to reduce our
- 15 historic carryover.
- So, we're just asking that you apply the rules
- 17 consistently for us, just as you have for the IOU's. It
- 18 may be that the IOU's were not able to prove out-of-state
- 19 delivery in 2007 because of the e-Tag issue.
- We have e-Tags for the period of December 2006,
- 21 January and February 2007, they are at issue in our
- 22 contract. Those e-Tags do show the facilities ID numbers
- 23 RPS ID numbers on those e-Tags.
- Or if those numbers aren't always reported, it
- 25 does indicate that they -- the generation comes from the

- 1 renewable facilities.
- 2 So, we feel like we complied with the express
- 3 requirements in the applicable Guidebook, the April 2006
- 4 Guidebook.
- 5 We have gone through those requirements in
- 6 detail. We think we met every one of those. However, we
- 7 were told in one of the responses that -- that we didn't
- 8 meet the requirements at the time for that generation.
- 9 So, we really don't know what requirements you
- 10 are referring to that we didn't meet.
- 11 So, that's been one of the puzzling things for
- 12 us. And we'd appreciate hearing from you as to what
- 13 particular requirements you are saying that we didn't
- 14 meet.
- 15 MS. GOULD: For that issue I believe it would be
- 16 having the source on the e-Tag be the individual facility
- 17 that's being claimed from.
- MR. WESTERFIELD: Okay. If that's the case, then
- 19 we ask you to look at that again because we think we have
- 20 satisfied those requirements.
- 21 I know it's a little difficult when we go back to
- 22 this period of December 2006 and for the March 2007
- 23 Guidebook. Of course we've been told that our Vista
- 24 contract was a firming and shaping contract. And Tim has
- 25 made some points why we don't think it is a firming and

- 1 shaping contract.
- When we look at the April 2006 Guidebook, the
- 3 applicable Guidebook, it's completely silent about any
- 4 standards or any rules for firming and shaping.
- 5 So, when we try and look at the rules that
- 6 applied to the retail sellers at the time, you don't see
- 7 any rules at all in the Guidebook that define firming and
- 8 shaping at the time.
- 9 So, it's hard to understand why our -- it would
- 10 have been denied on that ground when there is no express
- 11 criteria in the Guidebooks to support that. But I
- 12 understand your position that and we do ask --
- MS. GOULD: And you're saying that was between
- 14 December 2006 and February 2007?
- MR. WESTERFIELD: That's right. I mean, we
- 16 really have basically two positions about that generation.
- 17 We feel that the applicable Guidebook in April
- 18 2006 permitted generation under a contract like
- 19 dissemination from several renewable power plants under
- 20 the rules in place at the time.
- 21 But then, in addition, your March 2007 Guidebook,
- 22 which we think is retroactive to January 1st, clarified
- 23 any doubt there may be that that kind of generation should
- 24 be allowed.
- 25 I believe when I look at the existing Guidebook

- 1 and the law, SB 67, that was applicable in December 2006,
- 2 at most it was unclear about procurement from several
- 3 different renewable facilities within one balancing
- 4 authority.
- 5 I really believe that it was allowed under the
- 6 law and it was allowed under your Guidebook. And I
- 7 believe at the time the Energy Commission saw the
- 8 uncertainty that that provided in marketplace and,
- 9 therefore, wrote the March 2007 Guidebook to clarify any
- 10 uncertainty that the marketplace had about that contract.
- 11 Not that the rules were changed in March 2007,
- 12 but that you issued guidelines to clarify what was
- 13 permitted under the law.
- 14 So, I guess our position is that you permitted it
- 15 already, but then your Guidebook, retroactive to
- 16 January 1st, clarified that it was.
- 17 So, then I'd like to maybe make one more point.
- 18 Tim has mentioned that the Energy Commission has been
- 19 realistic to some extent and provided some leeway to the
- 20 IOU's as they reach back in time to present evidence on
- 21 claims and that we would like some of the same leeway.
- 22 My position that we don't -- we aren't asking for
- 23 any leeway, we believe that our claims are valid on the
- 24 face and really no particular leeway is really needed.
- 25 I find that our claims are consistent with the

- 1 rules in place at the time, and feel strong about that.
- 2 So --
- 3 MS. GOULD: All right. Our intention is
- 4 definitely not to be more punitive toward the POU's than
- 5 we have been to the retail sellers.
- 6 And I think what you are referring to is allowing
- 7 some leeway in the RPS ID in the miscellaneous field of
- 8 the e-Tags weren't put in properly. That's often a
- 9 miscommunication with balancing authorities, something
- 10 like that.
- 11 So, yeah, we have allowed some leeway there in
- 12 the past. And I don't think we required that at all for
- 13 the -- for the POU's at the time. So, I don't think we're
- 14 being more difficult or requiring more from the POU's.
- And I do not think that we allowed any leeway in
- 16 having the source included as from -- or having the source
- 17 on the e-Tag be the facility that the generation came from
- 18 at that time.
- 19 So, I think it's -- that's not leeway that we
- 20 allowed the retail sellers that we're now withholding from
- 21 the POU's.
- 22 But we will review those books again as well as
- 23 the overall Guidebook and we'll look at that internally.
- MR. WESTERFIELD: We appreciate that, thank you.
- MS. DANIELS: Anyone else? Blue cards?

- 1 Is there anyone on the WebEx?
- 2 MR. MC CULLOUGH: Okay. No comments on WebEx?
- 3 Okay.
- 4 MS. GOULD: How about the phone lines? And
- 5 people on the phones, please mute your lines if you are
- 6 not planning to speak.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 MR. MC CULLOUGH: Any questions from the phone?
- 9 MS. HUGHES: Hello.
- MS. GOULD: Yes, go ahead.
- MS. HUGHES: Hi, this is Kathy Hughes from
- 12 Silicon Valley Power, City of Santa Clara.
- I am sorry. I had a very bad reception on parts
- 14 of that, the presentation, So, I apologize.
- My question is addressing the ATO and the
- 16 compliance for upcoming compliance periods.
- Is it to be treated just like the PCC-0
- 18 currently?
- MS. GOULD: Yes, it would be treated like PCC-0.
- 20 All historic carryover, by definition under the
- 21 regulations, is from pre June 1st, 2010 contracts.
- MS. HUGHES: Okay.
- 23 MS. GOULD: So, that is what PCC-0 is. So, it
- 24 will be treated the same. And it can be used just like
- 25 excess procurements can.

- 1 MS. HUGHES: Okay.
- 2 MS. GOULD: Where it can be applied -- they can
- 3 just choose an amount the wish to apply to any compliance
- 4 period.
- 5 MS. HUGHES: And then this maybe -- well, I don't
- 6 know if it's relevant, for the first compliance period for
- 7 that procurement -- excess procurement, will those numbers
- 8 be forthcoming soon about what we had excess on those as
- 9 well?
- 10 MS. GOULD: Yeah, we're currently working through
- 11 the first compliance period verification and the first
- 12 round of verification. That includes all of the utilities
- 13 and should end this year.
- 14 And the POU portfolio content category
- 15 verification will continue through early next year.
- So, we won't have --
- MS. HUGHES: Okay.
- 18 MS. GOULD: -- final numbers for that until
- 19 probably mid-2016.
- MS. HUGHES: Well, thank you -- thank you for all
- 21 your work and everything.
- This has been a very educational process.
- Thank you.
- MS. GOULD: For us too.
- Thank you.

1	Any further comments on the phone?
2	MR. MC CULLOUGH: Hearing none, hearing no
3	comments, any further comments in the room?
4	And seeing none, I think we'll adjourn.
5	Thank you very much.
6	(The proceedings concluded at 10:49 a.m.)
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